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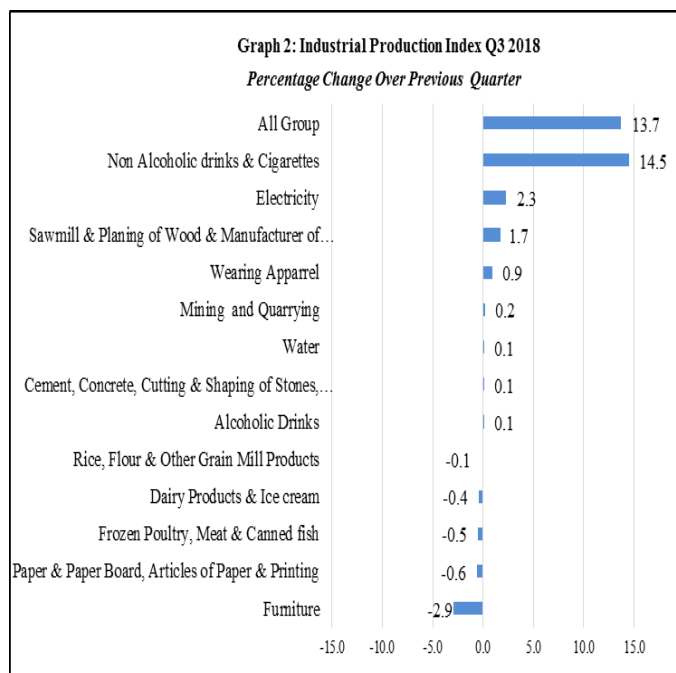
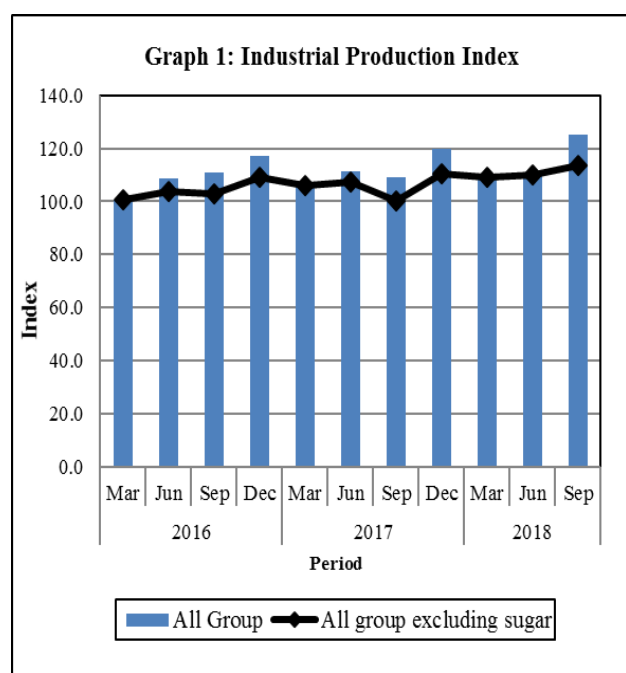
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX [Base: Average 4 quarters 2014 = 100.0] September Quarter 2018

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) is an economic indicator that measures production volume changes in the following industries; Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity and Water.

Key Facts



- The All Group Industrial Production Index (IPI) stood at 125.2 in the September quarter of 2018. This represented an increase of 13.7 percent when compared to the June quarter of 2018.
- The All Group Index registered an increase of 14.5 percent when compared to the September quarter of 2017.

The major index movements were as follows:

- Sugar Index rose by 23000.0 percent;¹
- Soft drinks, mineral water, yaqona and tobacco rose by 14.5 percent;
- Electricity rose by 2.3 percent;
- Sawmill and Planing of Wood and Manufacture of Products of Wood, Cork Plaiting Material rose by 1.7 percent; and
- Manufacture of furniture fell by 2.9 percent.

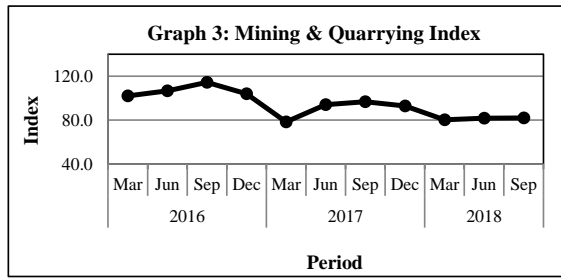
The All Group Index including sugar showed an increase when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017. The All Group Index excluding sugar showed an increase when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017. Sugar production is seasonal, with crushing carried out in the latter half of the year. Given the significant weight for sugar in the index, an increase or decrease in its production volume is bound to have an impact on the overall index.

Note: Refer to Table 1 for details

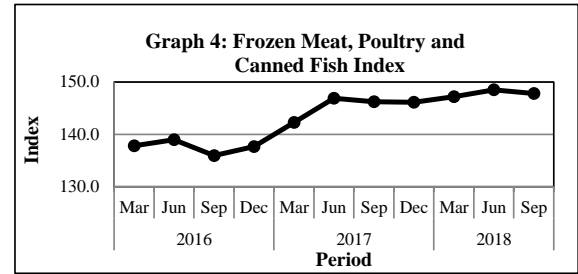
¹ - The percentage change of Sugar Index is not shown in Graph 2 due to a very large percentage change over previous quarter.

Industrial Highlights

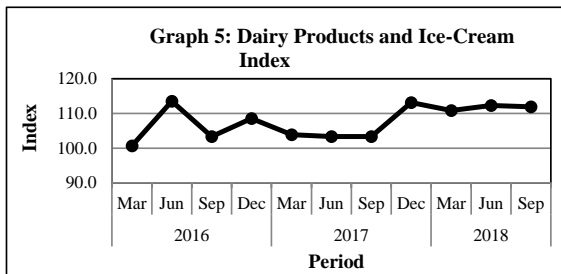
Analysis of major industries are highlighted below. These should be read in conjunction with Table 1.



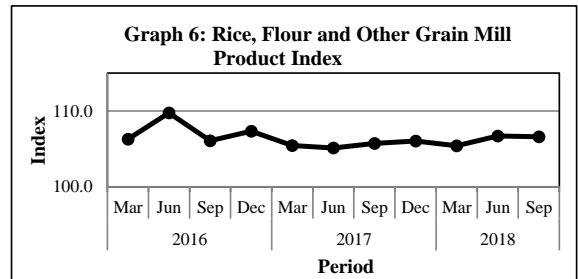
The mining & quarrying index stood at 81.9. The index showed an increase *when compared to the June quarter of 2018* but a decline *when compared to the September quarter of 2017*. Higher grades of ores being extracted contributed to the overall increase.



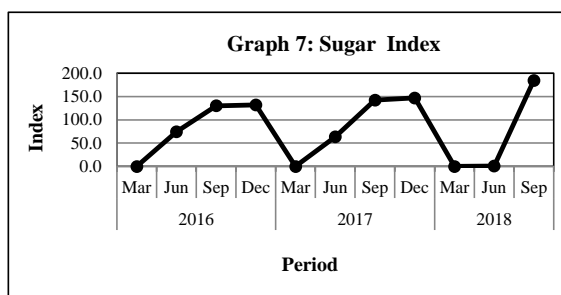
The frozen poultry, meat and canned fish index stood at 147.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to the June quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to September quarter of 2017*. The decline in canned fish production influenced the overall movement.



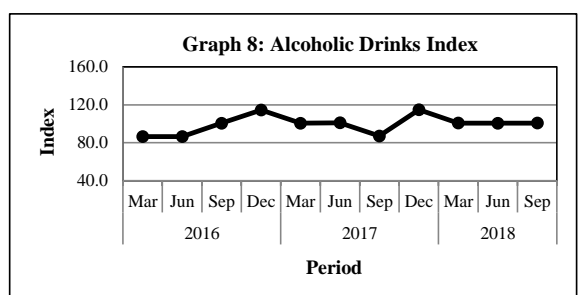
The dairy products including ice-cream index stood at 111.9. The index showed a decline *when compared to the June quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to the September quarter of 2017*. Lower milk production led to the overall decline.



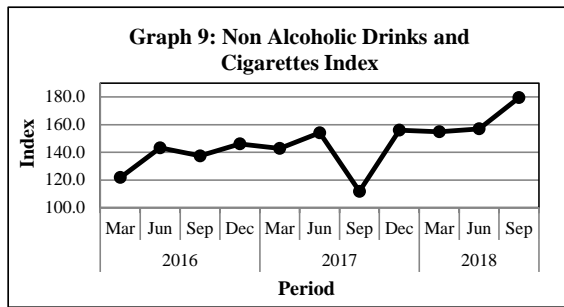
The rice, flour & other grain mill products index stood at 106.6. The index showed a decline *when compared to the June quarter of 2018* and an increase *when compared to the September quarter 2017*. Lower production of flour led to the overall decline.



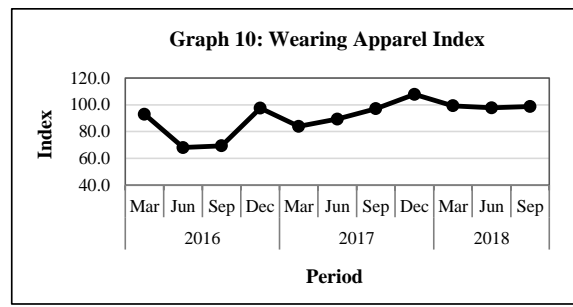
The sugar index stood at 184.8. The index showed an increase *when compared to the both the June quarter of 2018 and the September quarter of 2017*. Increased due to higher tonnes of sugarcane crushed during the period.



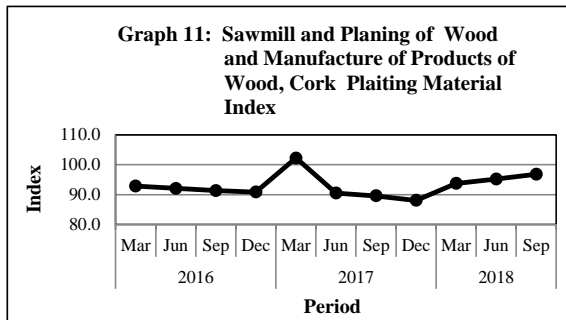
The alcoholic drinks index stood at 100.8. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017*. Increase in beer production led to the overall increase.



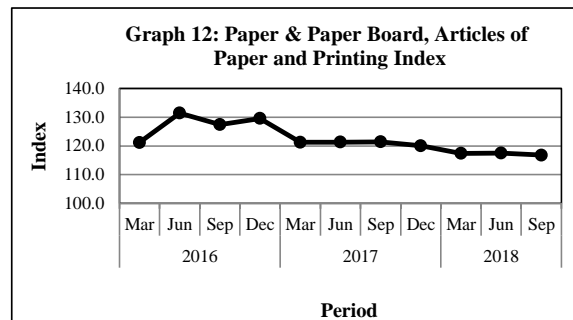
The non-alcoholic drinks & cigarettes index stood at 179.6. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017*. The increase in mineral water production led to the overall increase.



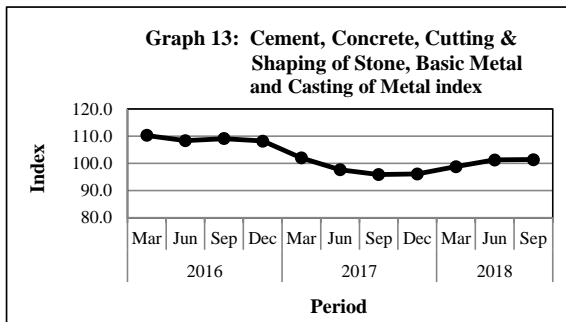
The wearing apparel index stood at 98.7. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017*. The increase in orders received from overseas influenced the overall movement.



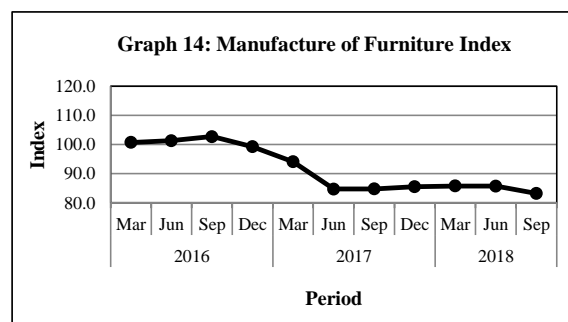
The saw-milling & planing of wood and manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material index stood at 96.8. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and the September quarter of 2017*. Higher sawn timber production led to the overall increase.



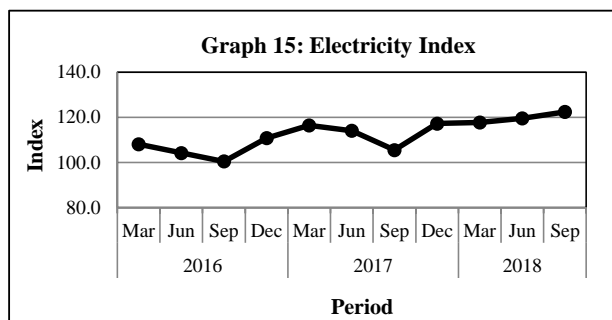
The paper & paper board, other articles of paper and printing index stood at 116.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017*. Lower production of paper & paper board led to the overall decline.



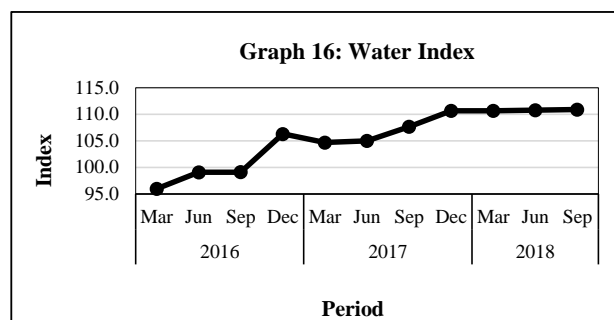
The cement, concrete products, cutting & shaping of stone, basic metal and casting of metal index stood at 101.3. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017*. The increase in production of cement led to the overall increase.



The manufacture of furniture index stood at 83.2. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and the September quarter of 2017*. Lower orders received locally lead to the overall decline.



The electricity index stood at 122.4. The index showed an increase **when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017**. The increase mentioned above is driven by the new electricity connections.



The water index stood at 110.9. The index showed an increase **when compared to both the June quarter of 2018 and September quarter of 2017**. The increase mentioned above reflects water usage.

Please find attached the following:

Table 1: Quarterly Industrial Production Index.

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IPI for December quarter of 2018 will be released in March 2019.

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Table 1

Quarterly Industrial Production Index
[Base: Average 4 Quarters 2014 = 100.0]

FSIC	Commodities	Weights	2016				2017				2018		
			Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
07291/ 08101/ 08999	Mining & Quarrying	4.0	102.0	106.6	114.4	104.1	78.4	94.2	96.8	92.9	80.4	81.7	81.9
10101	Frozen poultry	5.1	137.8	139.0	136.0	137.6	142.3	146.9	146.3	146.1	147.2	148.5	147.8
10102	Meat												
10201	Canned fish												
10301	Fruit and vegetables	0.6	99.7	97.4	96.3	107.5	98.1	98.0	102.9	104.2	103.9	102.6	104.2
10401	Edible oil	0.2	101.1	90.8	92.8	93.2	91.5	92.8	93.2	95.7	93.6	94.4	93.5
	Coconut oil												
10501	Dairy products	3.4	100.6	113.5	103.3	108.6	103.9	103.3	103.4	113.2	110.8	112.3	111.9
10502	Ice-cream												
10619	Rice milling												
10612	Flour milling	2.7	106.3	109.8	106.1	107.3	105.4	105.1	105.7	106.0	105.4	106.7	106.6
10619	Other grain mill products												
10711	Bread	2.0	102.9	102.4	105.1	105.8	101.5	101.4	101.6	101.6	101.5	101.5	101.5
10712	Cakes												
10713	Biscuits												
10721	Sugar												
10731	Sugar confectionery& other food n.e.c	6.2	0.0	74.2	130.3	131.8	0.0	63.6	142.4	147.0	0.0	0.8	184.8
10741	Starch products	2.2	103.1	126.4	127.9	131.6	106.8	107.8	107.4	107.8	107.7	108.2	105.9
10799	Other food n.e.c												
10801	Animal feed												
11011	Alcoholic sprites	2.4	86.5	86.6	100.5	114.5	100.7	101.0	87.3	114.8	100.8	100.7	100.8
11031	Beer												
11041	Soft drinks												
11042	Mineral water												
11051	Yaqona	15.8	121.8	143.2	137.4	146.1	142.7	154.1	111.7	156.0	154.8	156.9	179.6
12001	Tobacco												
14101	Wearing apparel												
15201	Footwear & leather products	1.1	107.6	102.2	99.7	101.0	101.8	101.9	99.5	99.5	100.9	100.9	100.8
16101	Saw-milling & planing of wood	5.0	92.8	92.1	91.3	90.9	102.2	90.5	89.6	88.0	93.8	95.2	96.8
16201	Manufacture of products of wood, cork plating material												
17011	Paper	0.1	97.2	107.6	108.1	109.6	110.6	110.8	110.4	110.8	110.0	110.1	109.0
17021	Paper & paper board	6.0	121.2	131.5	127.4	129.6	121.3	121.3	121.4	120.0	117.4	117.5	116.8
17099	Other articles of paper & paper board												
18111	Printing												
20121	Fertilizer	1.6	99.7	98.6	100.0	121.7	124.7	112.1	113.0	111.9	122.8	124.1	108.9
20211	Agrochemicals												
20221	Paints & varnishes												
20231	Soap & detergent												
20299	Other chemical products	2.2	105.4	104.6	105.4	105.6	107.0	107.6	109.8	112.8	106.9	107.2	107.4
21001	Pharmaceuticals	1.0	96.1	118.8	121.8	122.7	135.0	123.4	123.9	125.6	126.3	126.9	126.0
22111	Rubber tyres & tubes												
22201	Plastic products												
23101	Glass and glass products	3.0	110.2	108.3	109.0	108.1	102.0	97.6	95.8	96.1	98.7	101.2	101.3
23942	Cement												
23951	Concrete												
23961	Cutting, shaping of stone												
24101	Basic metal	1.4	102.4	112.5	114.9	114.6	115.0	115.0	114.8	117.2	128.7	126.1	127.2
24311	Casting of metals												
25101	Structural metal products												
25901	Other fabricated metal products	2.8	104.1	107.1	110.4	110.5	110.6	111.0	111.1	111.2	112.1	112.0	111.9
29201	Coachwork	0.6	66.1	62.7	90.9	84.6	79.7	76.2	79.4	76.2	73.4	73.4	72.7
30101	Building of ships & floating structure	1.9	100.7	101.4	102.7	99.3	94.1	84.8	84.8	85.5	85.8	85.7	83.2
31001	Manufacture of furniture												
32101	Jewellery												
32999	Other manufacturing n.e.c.	1.2	98.3	93.6	91.7	92.7	89.0	88.9	88.5	88.3	87.7	87.6	88.1
33121	Repair of machinery												
33141	Repair of electrical equipment												
35101	Electricity												
36001	Water	10.9	108.1	104.2	100.5	110.9	116.5	114.1	105.5	117.3	117.8	119.6	122.4
		9.1	96.0	99.1	99.1	106.3	104.7	105.0	107.7	110.6	110.7	110.8	110.9
	All Group	100.0	100.5	108.6	111.1	117.2	105.8	111.4	109.3	119.7	109.3	110.1	125.2
	All group excluding sugar	93.8	100.5	104.0	103.0	109.0	105.8	107.4	100.4	110.5	109.3	110.1	113.7
	All group excluding mining and quarrying	96.0	96.4	104.3	106.5	113.0	102.6	107.6	105.3	116.0	106.1	106.8	122.0
	Manufacturing	76.0	76.0	84.0	86.6	91.3	80.5	85.7	84.1	93.2	83.2	83.8	98.6